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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2001–02 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2283

Introduced by Assembly Member La Suer

February 20, 2002

An act to amend Section 7550 of, and to add Section 7550.1 to, the Government Code, relating to public agencies.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2283, as amended, La Suer. Written reports: cost.

(1) Existing law requires that any document or written report prepared for or under the direction of a state or local agency that is prepared in whole or in part under a contract or a subcontract by nonemployees of the agency contain, where the work performed by the nonemployees exceeds \$5,000, the numbers and dollar amounts of all contracts and subcontracts relating to the preparation of the document or written report. Existing law also provides that when multiple documents or written reports are the subject or product of the contract, this disclosure section may also contain a statement that indicates that the total contract amount represents compensation for the multiple documents or written reports.

This bill would require, rather than permit, the disclosure of the total cost for multiple documents or written reports.

(2) Existing law requires various reports to be prepared by state and local agencies.

This bill would also require a state or local agency to ~~utilize the most cost-effective means~~ *consider cost-saving options* in preparing any written report, ~~as specified, and to review all cost savings options.~~

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 7550 of the Government Code is
2 amended to read:

3 7550. (a) Any document or written report prepared for or
4 under the direction of a state or local agency, that is prepared in
5 whole or in part by nonemployees of the agency, shall contain the
6 numbers and dollar amounts of all contracts and subcontracts
7 relating to the preparation of the document or written report;
8 ~~provided, however, that if~~ the total cost for the work performed by
9 nonemployees of the agency exceeds five thousand dollars
10 (\$5,000). The contract and subcontract numbers and dollar
11 amounts shall be contained in a separate section of the document
12 or written report.

13 (b) When multiple documents or written reports are the subject
14 or product of the contract, the disclosure section ~~shall~~ *may* also
15 contain a statement indicating that the total contract amount
16 represents compensation for multiple documents or written
17 reports.

18 SEC. 2. Section 7550.1 is added to the Government Code, to
19 read:

20 ~~7550.1. A state or local agency shall utilize the most~~
21 ~~cost-effective means in preparing any written report, including~~
22 ~~spending the least amount of money in preparing the report. To~~
23 ~~effectuate a reduction in the cost of reports, state and local agencies~~
24 ~~shall review all cost savings options, including, but not~~

25 7550.1. *In an effort to reduce the cost of preparing state*
26 *reports, a state agency shall, when preparing a report, consider*
27 *cost reduction options, including, but not limited to, using*
28 *unnecessary and expensive color graphics, color photographs,*
29 *bindings, and paper.*

